



WHEREAS, we hold the highest esteem and reverence for the men and women who answer the call to serve their friends, family and communities; and,

WHEREAS, first responders save countless lives every year with their heroic efforts; and,

WHEREAS, firefighters not only demonstrate the desire to serve, but have the courage to act calmly and professionally in otherwise terrifying situations; and,

WHEREAS, on the evening of November 2, 2012 one of these brave souls, Capt. Herbert Johnson of the Chicago Fire Department, was suddenly taken from us; and,

WHEREAS, we will always remember that throughout his more than 32- year career as a proud member and officer of the Chicago Fire Department, Capt. Herbert Johnson courageously volunteered to walk into fires as everyone else ran out; and,

WHEREAS, although Capt. Herbert Johnson is no longer with us we will not forget the countless lives that were impacted by his public service, including those individuals he assisted in the last hours of his life; and,

WHEREAS, Capt. Herbert Johnson was not simply a public servant, but dedicated first responder who was known by many for his deep commitment to helping people and saving lives, characteristics that would earn him the Illinois’ Firefighting Medal of Honor for acts in 2006 that included pulling a man from a burning building, ultimately saving his life; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his Chicago service, Capt. Herbert Johnson organized events to assist with 9/11 relief efforts, attended church fundraisers, and coached local youth sports teams; and,

WHEREAS, we remember Capt. Herbert Johnson’s dedication to the South Side, the entire city of Chicago and the State of Illinois through his activities with his church, school and even leadership with the St. Cajetan Men’s Club; and,

WHEREAS, Capt. Herbert Johnson was 54, and leaves behind a wife, Susan, and three children: CPL Thomas, Laurie and Michael. Not only did he serve the citizens of Chicago and of this great state, but was a hero in his role as a husband and a father; and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 8, 2012, a funeral will be held in Chicago, Illinois, for Capt. Herbert Johnson; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to fly their flags at half-staff from sunrise on November 6, 2012 until sunset on November 8, 2012 in honor and remembrance of Capt. Herbert Johnson whose selfless service and sacrifice is an inspiration.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this FIFTH *day of* NOVEMBER *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TWELFTH *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR